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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 SHERMAN PRUITT and MELODY
11 PRUITT,

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 CITY OF ARLINGTON, et al,

15 Defendants.

16 No. C08-1107 MJP

17 ORDER ON DEFENDANTS' MOTIONS
18 IN LIMINE

19 THIS MATTER having come before the Court on Defendants' Motions in Limine,
20 and the Court having considered the arguments of the parties, rules as follows. Where the
21 Court has granted a Motion in Limine, all counsel are required to inform witnesses they call
22 of the existence of the order and its contents. For Motions in Limine which have been
23 denied, in the absence of a specific request from the trial court to renew the objection, the
24 moving party would be spared from further objection to that evidence when introduced at
trial.

1. **Motion In Limine Re: Insurance**

2. [x] Granted [] Denied [] Reserved

3. Comments:
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1 2. **Motion in Limine Re: Alleged “AKA’s” of Officer Ventura**

2 [x] Granted [] Denied [] Reserved

3 Comments:

4 The parties shall refrain from referring to Officer Ventura as an “a/k/a” and shall
5 amend the pleadings to refer to this defendant as “Officer Ventura.

6 3. **Motion in Limine Re: Exclusion of Sherman Pruitt**

7 [x] Granted [] Denied [] Reserved

8 Comments:

9 Mr. Pruitt shall be treated identically to every other witness in this matter; he will
10 not be permitted to sit at Plaintiff’s counsel table.

11 4. **Motion in Limine Re: Sherman Pruitt Offering Expert Opinions**

12 [x] Granted [] Denied [] Reserved

13 Comments:

14 Mr. Pruitt will be permitted to testify to facts regarding which he is a competent
15 witness; he will not be permitted to offer opinion testimony.

16 5. **Motion in Limine Re: Bolstering of Sherman Pruitt and Plaintiff’s Son**

17 [] Granted [x] Denied [] Reserved

18 Comments:

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22 6. **Motion in Limine Re: Alleged Deadly Force Used by Officer Ventura**

23 [x] Granted [] Denied [] Reserved

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1 7. **Motion in Limine Re: Alleged Racism in Arlington and at the Arlington**
2 **School District.**

3 [] Granted [] Denied [x] Reserved

4 Comments:
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8. **Motion in Limine Re: Bolstering of Plaintiff's Children.**

9 [x] Granted [] Denied [] Reserved

10 Comments:
11 Plaintiff's counsel is permitted to develop brief background information on these
12 witnesses; testimony regarding their grades or participation in school athletic activities will
13 not be permitted.

14 9. **Motion in Limine Re: Impeachment of the Langley family members.**

15 [] Granted [] Denied [x] Reserved

16 Comments:
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20 10. **Motion in Limine Re: DSHS Dispute Involving the Langleys.**

21 [x] Granted [] Denied [] Reserved

22 Comments:
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1 **11. Motion in Limine Re: Internal Affairs Investigation by the Police Department.**

2 [x] Granted [] Denied [] Reserved

3 Comments:

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7 DATED this 17th day of July, 2009.

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11 Marsha J. Pechman
12 Marsha J. Pechman
13 United States District Judge

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